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CAPTURED!
BOOYAH! THAT'S ONE MORE CARJACKER WHO'LL WISH HE NEVER MESSED WITH STINKFLY --
-- AT LEAST ONCE HE GETS HIS DRY CLEANING BILL!
AIIEEEE!
ORSON -- LOOK!
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WE WERE RIGHT, DUDE! ALIENS DO WALK AMONG US!
IT'S AN INVASION, WILL! THE ADVANCE SCOUTS ARE ALREADY HERE!
AND THEY'VE TAKEN HUMAN FORM!
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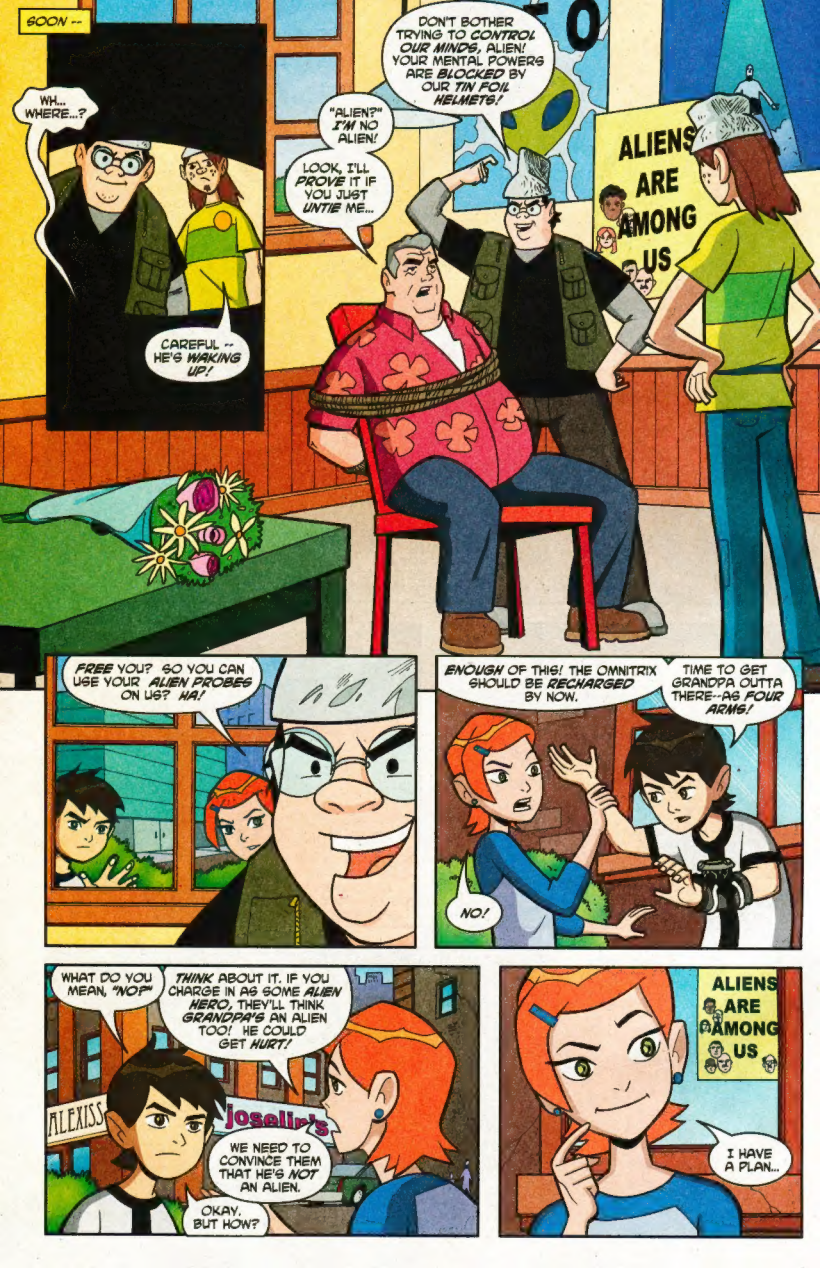
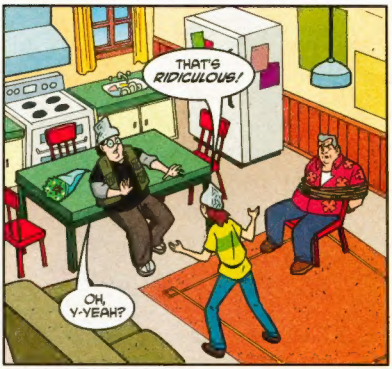
DO YOU REALIZE WHAT THIS MEANS? WE'RE EARTH'S LAST HOPE!
WE HAVE TO STOP THE ADVANCE SCOUT BEFORE HE CAN REPORT BACK TO THE MOTHERSHIP!
I KNEW THAT MAIL-ORDER KNOCKOUT GAS WOULD COME IN HANDY SOMEDAY!
EXCUSE ME! EXCUSE ME!
HMM?
UH... WOULD YOU HAPPEN TO KNOW THE TIME?
OH, SURE. IT'S THREE TWENTY --
HSSSSS!
:WHUUUF:< THESE ALIENS ARE HEAVY!
HE MUST BE FROM A HIGH-GRAVITY WORLD!
COME ON! WE NEED TO GET HIM SECURED BACK AT BASE.
"BASE?"
THE APARTMENT.
OH.

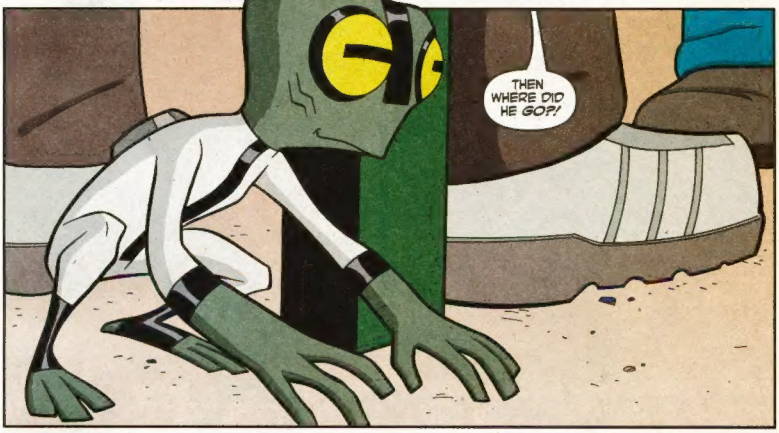
WHERE'S GRANDPA? IT SHOULDN'T TAKE THIS LONG TO BRING THE VAN AROUND...
NOT UNLESS HE LOST HIS KEYS ON THE GROUND.
WOW, LUCKY YOU FOUND THESE. WE'D SURE BE STUCK IF THEY GOT LOST...
DON'T LET THIS HAPPEN TO YOU
THAT'S NOT ALL THAT'S LOST, GWEN! LOOK OVER THERE!
BEN! THEY'RE KIDNAPPING GRANDPA!
THEY CAN TRY! BUT THEY CAN'T OUTRUN ME, ONCE I CHANGE INTO XLR8!
SO WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? CHANGE ALREADY!
I CAN'T! THE OMNITRIX HASN'T RECHARGED YET!
THEN WE'VE GOT TO DO THIS THE OLD-FASHIONED WAY!
TAXI!
FOLLOW THAT VAN!


SOON --
WH... WHERE...?
CAREFUL -- HE'S WAKING UP!
"ALIEN?" I'M NO ALIEN!
LOOK, I'LL PROVE IT IF YOU JUST UNTIE ME...
DON'T BOTHER TRYING TO CONTROL OUR MINDS, ALIEN! YOUR MENTAL POWERS ARE BLOCKED BY OUR TIN FOIL HELMETS!
ALIENS ARE AMONG US
FREE YOU? SO YOU CAN USE YOUR ALIEN PROBES ON US? HA!
ENOUGH OF THIS! THE OMNITRIX SHOULD BE RECHARGED BY NOW.
TIME TO GET GRANDPA OUTTA THERE--AS FOUR ARMS!
NO!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "NO?"
THINK ABOUT IT. IF YOU CHARGE IN AS SOME ALIEN HERO, THEY'LL THINK GRANDPA'S AN ALIEN TOO! HE COULD GET HURT!
ALEXISS
Joselin's
WE NEED TO CONVINCE THEM THAT HE'S NOT AN ALIEN.
OKAY. BUT HOW?
ALIENS ARE AMONG US
I HAVE A PLAN...

AT LAST! I FOUND YOU --
-- YOU ALIEN!
WHO IN THE --?!
WHOA, DUDE -- CHILL! WE'VE GOT THE ALIEN TIED UP!
THE GUY IN THE CHAIR? HE'S NO ALIEN!
I'M TALKING ABOUT HIM!
ME? AN ALIEN?! YOU'RE CRAZY!
YEAH, THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT PEOPLE TO THINK!
X-FILES
THAT'S WHY YOU ACCUSE INNOCENT PEOPLE -- TO DISTRACT ATTENTION FROM YOU!
WHAT ARE YOU EVEN DOING HERE? GET OUT!
♀GASP!♀ W-WAIT! NO! D-DON'T POINT YOUR DISINTEGRATOR FINGER AT ME!
"DISINTEG --?"
AAAGGGHH!
HUH?

DUDE! HE'S GONE! I-IT'S TRUE!
Y-YOU ARE AN ALIEN!
WHAT?!
UFO


THAT'S RIDICULOUS!
OH, Y-YEAH?


THEN WHERE DID HE GO?!

UFO
B-BUT, WILL, YOU'VE KNOWN ME FOR YEARS!
SO WHAT ARE YOU? SOME KIND OF SLEEPER AGENT?
HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN STATIONED ON THIS PLANET?

W-WHAT'S WITH THE KNOCKOUT FLOWERS? H-HOLD ON!
SURE THING. JUST HOLD STILL FOR ONE MINUTE...

GET AWAY FROM ME!
COME BACK HERE, YOU BUG-EYED MONSTER!
"DISINTEGRATOR FINGER?"
HEY, THEY BELIEVED ME, DIDN'T THEY?
WELL, THANKS, BEN.
NO SWEAT. BUT WHEN I LOOK LIKE THIS, THEY CALL ME "GREY MATTER."
FINE! AND WHEN I GET MY HANDS ON THOSE GUYS, I'M GOING TO CALL THEM UNCONSCIOUS!
I DON'T KNOW. YOU MAY NOT GET THE CHANCE...

WELL, WHAT DO YOU KNOW?
ALIEN!
PSYCHO!
WHO SAYS THERE'S NEVER A POLICE OFFICER AROUND WHEN YOU NEED ONE?
IT HELPS IF THERE'S A CONCERNED CITIZEN NEARBY WITH A CELL PHONE.
BREAK IT UP! YOU'RE BOTH UNDER ARREST!
ASSAULT AND BATTERY, DISTURBING THE PEACE...
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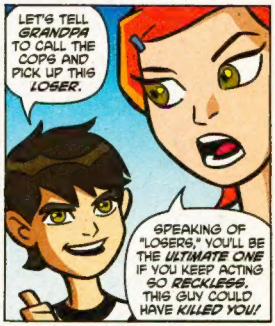
NO, NO! YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND!
WE'RE BEING INVADED! HE'S AN ALIEN!
I AM NOT!
LOOKS LIKE THEY WON'T BE BOTHERING ANYONE FOR A WHILE.
WHY DO SOME PEOPLE GET SO FREAKED OUT BY ALIENS, ANYWAY?
Angela's
POLICE
I HAVE NO IDEA.
BUT WHEN THEY SAW YOUR REAL FACE --
-- THEN I COULD UNDERSTAND THEIR GETTING FREAKED OUT!
END

AND I WOULD'A GOT AWAY WITH IT, TOO --
YEAH, YEAH -- IF IT WASN'T FOR US PESKY KIDS...
WELL, YOU'LL BE IN YOUR OWN LITTLE CAGE AGAIN SOON ENOUGH, MELVILLE.
SHH... IT'S OKAY...
The Once and Future Ben

TOO BAD POACHERS AREN'T AN ENDANGERED SPECIES!
THERE ARE ONLY A COUPLE HUNDRED VANCOUVER ISLAND MARMOTS LEFT IN THE ENTIRE WORLD!


LET'S TELL GRANDPA TO CALL THE COPS AND PICK UP THIS LOSER.
SPEAKING OF "LOSERS," YOU'LL BE THE ULTIMATE ONE IF YOU KEEP ACTING SO RECKLESS. THIS GUY COULD HAVE KILLED YOU!

PUH! GWEN, PLEASE... WE'VE MET OUR FUTURE SELVES AS ADULTS! NOTHING CAN HAPPEN TO US!
UNLESS HISTORY GETS CHANGED, WHICH YOU KNOW THAT --

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PLINK PLINK
HOW--?
WHO COULD HAVE--?
NICE TO SEE A FAMILIAR FACE?
BEN...?
YES!
IT'S ME FROM THE FUTURE!
BUT WHAT'S WITH THE FORCE-FIELD? WHY DIDN'T YOU JUST USE THE OMNITRIX?
I... DON'T LIKE TO USE IT UNLESS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY, AND THIS ISN'T ONLY A FORCE-FIELD--IT'S ALSO A TIME-TRAVELING DEVICE.
I THOUGHT MY FUTURE SELF HAD TO CAST A SPELL FOR TIME TRAVEL...?
YES... WELL, GWENDOLYN INFUSED THE DEVICE WITH HER MAGIC.
YEAH, WHO'D HAVE THOUGHT THAT WAS POSSIBLE?
WOW, I'M EVEN SMARTER THAN I THOUGHT!
LUCKILY, IT LOOKS LIKE I GOT HERE IN TIME...

"A 'DESCENDANT' OF VILGAX FROM THE YEAR 3000 TRAVELED BACK IN TIME TO KILL ME IN REVENGE FOR DEFEATING VILGAX.
"BUT WHEN VILGAX 3000 COULDN'T DEFEAT ME, HE DECIDED TO TRAVEL FURTHER BACK IN TIME AND KILL ME AS A KID, BEFORE I DEFEATED VILGAX -- THUS, CHANGING HISTORY!"
HE ACCESSED MY COMPUTER SYSTEM AND GOT ALL THE DETAILS ABOUT WHEN YOU AND I LAST MET AND HOW TO FIND YOU.
IT'S A BRILLIANT PLAN.
"CHANGING HISTORY!" SEE, I TOLD YOU!
WAIT... KILL YOU? I MEAN "ME"... I MEAN "US"...
HE FIGURES YOU'RE NOT AS EXPERIENCED WITH THE OMNITRIX AS YOUR OLDER SELF.
AND HE COULDN'T TRAVEL BACK BEFORE YOU GOT THE OMNITRIX BECAUSE HE HAS TO USE THAT AS A BEACON TO BRING HIMSELF TO THIS TIME.
WELL, I'LL SHOW HIM JUST HOW EXPERIENCED I AM!
I KNEW YOU WOULD...

BUT I NEED TO ADJUST YOUR OMNITRIX.
WHY? WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
I'M ADDING A LITTLE SURPRISE FOR THE UPCOMING BATTLE.

A NEW ALIEN FORM? SUPER COOL!
BEEP!

NOT EXACTLY...

VILGAX 3000!
BUT WHY DID YOU SAVE ME FROM MELVILLE?

I WANTED THE THRILL OF DEFEATING YOU MYSELF! ONCE I KNEW YOU COULDN'T DEFEND YOURSELF WITH THE OMNITRIX, THAT IS...

OH, YEAH? HOW ABOUT A LITTLE HOTFOOT FROM HEATBLAST?!
WHA--? IT'S NOT WORKING!

THAT'S BECAUSE I DEACTIVATED IT!
AND NOW YOU'RE HISTORY!
A SUBJECT YOU OBVIOUSLY FAILED IN SCHOOL!
IT'S THE REAL ME!
NOW TO REACTIVATE YOUR OMNITRIX -- WITH A LITTLE ADDED BONUS!
IT'LL TAKE BOTH OF US TO TAKE HIM DOWN FOR GOOD!
NOOOOOOOOOO--*

WHERE DID YOU SEND HIM?
SOMEPLACE HE WON'T MAKE ANY MORE TROUBLE...
...SOMEPLACE COLD.

THE ICE AGE -- 20,000 YEARS IN THE PAST.

AND SINCE I DON'T REMEMBER ANY OF THIS HAPPENING WHEN I WAS A KID, WE'LL HAVE TO ERASE YOUR MEMORIES SO IT DOESN'T MESS UP THE FUTURE.
ERASE OUR MEM--

FWASH!

UH... WHAT WERE WE JUST TALKING ABOUT?
I DON'T KNOW... BUT IF IT WAS WITH YOU, I'M SURE IT WAS BORING.
BEN... WHY DON'T YOU JUST GROW UP?
UH... WHO AM I?
THE END?

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SO SHOW YOURSELF, LITTLE SAMURAI! YOU MAY HAVE BEEN STALKING ME, BUT I'VE GOT *EARS* IN THIS *CORNFIELD!*

HIC... AAAKKK... HIIIC!

THE ZEN OF HICCUPS

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NOW I'M GOING TO BEAT THE STUFFING OUT OF YOU!
HIC!
OOOOOF!
HIC!
HOLD IT NOW, BUDDY... NOOOOO!
TSSSING!
SLASH!
BREATH DEEPLY INTO THE BAG. IT IS THE ONLY SUREFIRE CURE FOR THE HICCUPS.
HUUUUUFFFF!
AHHHHH!
HIC!
SEE, I TOLD...
YOOOOOOOU!

HIC!
DUDE! YOU'VE GOT TO HOLD YOUR BREATH AS LONG AS POSSIBLE!
MMMPHH... HIC!
HIC!
IF YOU SALT YOUR TONGUE, YOU WILL NEVER GET THE HIDEOUS HICKING-UPS AGAIN!
AAAAAHHH... HIC!
HIC!
WE KNOW THE CURE. YOU MUST DRINK THE WATER BACKWARDS. YOU WILL NEVER HICCUP AGAIN.
GLUG! HIC!
HIC!

SNIFF!
MMM! HONEY! YA GOTTA STAND ON YOUR SWEET HANDS FOR FIFTEEN MINUTES TO LET ALL THE BAD HICCUP MOJO OOZE OUT OF YOUR SYSTEM!
HIC!
BAD HICCUP MOJO?
HEE! THE WORST KIND, SWEETNESS!

HA HA HA!
THIS IS A CURSE FROM A-MIC-KU!
I THINK YOU JUST NEED A LITTLE PERSPECTIVE.
PERSPECTIVE... HMMM.
HIC!
HIC!
FFFFFF... HIC!

WOOOOOOOFFFFFFF!
SSSAMURAIII JAAAAACK! YOU HAVE COME TO THE TOP OF THE WORLD TO START FRESH! BUT NOW YOU HAVE NO AIR LEFT IN YOUR LUNGS! HA HA HA!
EEEEKKKK... EEEEKKK...
WHAT IS THIS? I AM FROZEN SOLID! NO...NO...
TSSSSSNNNGGG
NOOOO!!
YOU MAY HAVE GOTTEN RID OF YOUR HICCUPS, LITTLE SAMURAI...BUT YOU WILL NEVER BE RID OF ME! HA HA HA!
THE END

Send your letters today!

JOHNNY DC SAYS: LET THE MAIL BEGIN!

Ben 10 Week

Spring break is on the way, but it's no time to slack off! Get yourself armed and ready for a brand new series from Cartoon Network premiering this April – BEN 10 ALIEN FORCE!

Now's the time to study up on all things Ben 10 and get prepped for exciting new adventures. Kick it all off on Sunday, March 9th at 8 pm when Cartoon Network airs the premiere of BEN 10 vs. NEGATIVE 10. In this one-hour special Ben squares off against not one bad guy, but 10! Can Ben beat the Circus Freaks, Sublimino, Rojo, Animo, and even the Forever King? Tune in to find out at which national monuments and historic sites the Plumbers are based and what clues you might get for the new series!!

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Dear Johnny DC,

I watch BEN 10 every morning. I've seen "Race Against Time." I liked it when he turned into Diamondhead.

Domonic Sarmiento
Kansas City, Missouri

Was that the cartoon Diamondhead or the movie Diamondhead? — Johnny DC

DRAWING BY DOMONIC SARMIENTO

Dear Johnny DC,

Get with the times! Ben's got, like, five more aliens! Here's one of 'em. I'll send you more!

Michael Joel, age 8
Cortlandt Manor, New York

Don't we have the greatest readers, looking out for us like this? We did use Cannonbolt in #18, but Michael sent his letter before that! — Johnny DC

"CANNONBOLT" BY MICHAEL JOEL

Dear Johnny DC,

Ben has Wildmutt. Why not an alien cat, too?

Evyonne
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Why not? Maybe we'll see a cat in the future. Unless cat DNA can't sit quietly in the same Omnitrix with mutt DNA? — Johnny DC

"TIGERTABBY" BY EVYONNE

*****CREATORS' CORNER*****

Dear Johnny,

Here's a new heroine named Alley. Her code name is "Animal." She has a stone that endows her with the power of any animal, like she would call on the power of an owl if she wanted to see in the dark.

Rebekah Simmerman, age 15
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

"ANIMAL" BY REBEKAH SIMMERMAN

Dear Johnny DC,

I am making a hero called Dark Fire. He controls fire and can summon fire beasts and make fireballs.

Cameron Dingess, age 11
Puallyup, Washington

"DARK FIRE" BY CAMERON DINGESS

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